







# AMERICAN-SCANDINAVIAN FOUNDATION BI-ANNUAL REPORT—

7-1-2017 TO 6-30-2019

The American-Scandinavian Foundation (ASF) serves as a vital educational and cultural link between the United States and the five Nordic countries: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden. A publicly supported nonprofit organization, the Foundation fosters cultural understanding, provides a forum for the exchange of ideas, and sustains an extensive program of fellowships, grants, internships/training, publishing, and cultural events. Over 30,000 Scandinavians and Americans have participated in its exchange programs over the last century.

In October 2000, ASF inaugurated its headquarters, Scandinavia House: The Nordic Center in America, where it presents a broad range of public programs furthering its mission to reinforce the strong relationships between the United States and the Nordic nations, honoring their shared values and appreciating their differences.

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# A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT— EDWARD P. GALLAGHER

I am pleased to present this report which details the activities and accomplishments of the American-Scandinavian Foundation (ASF) during Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019 (July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2019).

These have been especially active and productive years for the ASF as we continued to pursue the mission that was set by our founders in 1911 — to increase international understanding through educational and cultural exchange.

During this two-year period, we awarded fellowships and grants to 118 scholars, students and artists, enabling them to pursue their research, studies, and creative endeavors abroad. In the same period, 33 public project grants were awarded to organizations in the US and the Nordic countries in support of exhibitions, concerts, festivals and other public programs.

A particular highlight of these years was the introduction of a new funding program focused on folk art and cultural traditions in the Upper Midwest. During Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018, fellowships were awarded to 26 artists, and public project grants were granted to 10 organizations.

Also in these two years, the ASF Internship and Training Program made it possible for nearly 300 young people from the Nordic countries to receive invaluable practical working experience in the United States.

Scandinavia House: The Nordic Center in America welcomed nearly 250,000 visitors during Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019, who came to attend concerts, screenings, lectures, children's programs, and other events, as well as to dine at our Smörgås Chef restaurant and shop in the Shop@Scandinavia House. Several outstanding exhibitions were presented at Scandinavia House during this period, including The Experimental Self: Edvard Munch's Photography, LEGO® Bricks: A Celebration!, Light Lines: The Art of Jan Groth, Inger Johanne Grytting, and Thomas Pihl, and Nordic Impressions: Contemporary Art from Åland, Denmark, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden.

Other program highlights include film series presenting new Nordic cinema, the work of Ingmar Bergman, and Oscar Contenders from the Nordic and Baltic countries, as well as the popular Summer Jazz concert series and a number of concerts by internationally celebrated pianist Per Tengstrand.

The ASF journal, Scandinavian Review, continued to inform and entertain a readership throughout the U.S. and abroad with a wide range of articles on Nordic art, history, current affairs, and other topics. At the same time, amscan.org and scandinaviahouse.org have been visited by tens of thousands of interested individuals throughout the two years.

As we look back at the accomplishments of 2018 and 2019, we must express gratitude to all those in the ASF community who helped to make these possible, notably the Trustees, the many generous donors and members, and most especially, the dedicated ASF staff.

Thank you to all!

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-ASF FELLOW ERIKA RUHL-IMAGE COURTESY OF ERIKA RUHL

For more than 100 years, the ASF Fellowships & Grants Program has awarded funds to Americans and Scandinavians engaged in study, research, or arts projects. The first ASF grants were made to three philologists in 1912 as one of the earliest programs of the newly established Foundation's mission to promote educational and cultural exchange between the U.S. and the Nordic countries. Since then, more than 7,500 scholars, researchers, policymakers, artists, and professionals have received support for their work in areas now as far-ranging as medicine and the sciences, economics and political history, the arts, and literature.

More than 115 new Scandinavian and American Fellows received financial support from ASF for study and research projects abroad throughout the two-year period of this report. During 2017–18, \$712,300 was awarded to 60 fellows from the U.S. and the Nordic countries; \$628,475 was awarded to 58 fellows in 2018–19. Fellowships and grants range between \$5,000 and \$23,000 and are awarded to graduate students, post-graduate scholars, professionals, and artists pursuing independent projects.

In 2017, ASF was pleased to announce two new grant programs to support Scandinavian folk arts and cultural traditions in the Upper Midwest (defined as North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan): Folk Arts Fellowships and Public Program/Community Project Grants. These programs recognize and celebrate the mastery of individual artists and practitioners, facilitate the cultivation of skills and understanding of Scandinavian traditions among younger generations, bring greater visibility to the arts, and highlight the importance of cultural expression to all of our lives. The programs further ASF's goal of celebrating and preserving Danish, Finnish, Icelandic, Norwegian, Sámi, and Swedish cultures throughout the U.S. During 2017-18,

\$84,100 was awarded in fellowships to ten artists and \$43,910 was awarded in grants to four public programs and community projects. During 2018-19, \$115,900 was awarded in fellowships to 16 artists; \$156,090 was awarded in grants to six public programs. All awards were supported by a grant from the Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies.

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MA-Directed Study, Journalism. Henrik Kauffmann Fund

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Dissertation Research, Epidemiology. Scan|Design by Inger and Jens Bruun Foundation Fund

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FROM—Mississippi State University TO—University of Copenhagen

Dissertation Research, Microbiology & Biocomputing. Amanda C. Roleson Fund

# BICK, EMILY FROM—University of California, Davis TO—Aarhus University

Dissertation Research, Ecosystem Modeling. Amanda C. Roleson Fund

#### **HOPKINS, STEPHEN**

FROM—Indiana
University, Bloomington
TO—University of
Copenhagen, Dept. of
Nordic Research and
Arnamagnaean Institute

Dissertation Research, Medieval Language and Literature. Amanda C. Roleson Fund

# JECK, ERIKA FROM—University of Chicago TO— Saxo Institute at the University of Copenhagen

Dissertation Research, Ancient History. Amanda C. Roleson Fund

# WILKINSON, LYNN FROM—University of Texas, Austin TO—Royal Library.

TO—Royal Library, Copenhagen and Library at the Danish Film Institute

Post-Doctoral Research, Comparative Literature. Amanda C. Roleson Fund

#### FROM FINLAND-

All candidates recommended by The League of Finnish-American Societies (Suomi-Amerikka Yhdistysten Liitto) in Helsinki

#### KUITTINEN, NIINA TO—University of California. Riverside

Dissertation Research, Aerosol Physics and Emission Studies. Finnish Fund

#### TURPEINEN, JUHO KALEVA

TO—University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Dissertation Research, Political Science. Finnish Fund

## VOGEL, PAUL TO—University of Southern California

MFA-Directed Study, Film and Television Production. Finnish Fund

#### TO FINLAND—

## CONROY,

FROM—Morehead State University TO—University of Helsinki

Post-Doctoral Research, Philosophy. The Jane and Aatos Erkko Fund

#### GLACKIN, CARLOTTA

FROM—Beckman
Research Institute of
City of Hope
TO—University of
Helsinki

Post-Doctoral Research, Molecular Biology and Protein Structure. The Jane and Aatos Erkko Fund

## PUSHAW, BART FROM—University of

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TO—Ateneum Art
Museum, Finnish
National Gallery, the
Design Museum, the
Helsinki City Museum
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Dissertation Research, Art History. The Jane and Aatos Erkko Fund

#### QUINN, CAROL FROM—Towson University

Independent Research, Creative Writing (Poetry). The Jane and Aatos Erkko Fund

# RUHL, ERIKA FROM—University at Buffalo, SUNY TO—University of Oulu

Dissertation Research, Anthropology/ Archaeology. The Jane and Aatos Erkko Fund

# WEBB, STEPHEN FROM—Roosevelt University TO—Sibelius Academy of the University of the Arts

Post-Baccalaureate Research, Music Composition. The Jane and Aatos Erkko Fund

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MSc-Directed Study, Electrical Engineering. Barth Fund, Charles K. Willey Fund

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MA-Directed Study, Finance. Thor Thors Memorial Fund

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MM-Directed Study, Cello Performance. Thor Thors Memorial Fund

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MFA-Directed Study, Filmmaking. Thor Thors Memorial Fund, Charles K. Willey Fund

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PhD-Directed Study, Sociology. Charles K. Willey Fund

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MFA-Directed Study, Screenwriting & Directing. Charles K. Willey Fund

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Dissertation Research, Bioarchaeology/ Archaeology. Thor Thors Memorial Fund

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JD-Directed Study. Andrew E. and G. Norman Wigeland Fund

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MA-Directed Study, Public Health and Social Work. Andrew E. and G. Norman Wigeland Fund

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MSc-Directed Study, Materials Science. Norway House Foundation Fund

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MA-Directed Study, International Affairs. Mathilde Aas Memorial Fund, King Håkon VII Fund, King Olav V Fund

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Graduate Research, Molecular Biology. Norway House Foundation Grant

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MSc-Directed Study, Structural Engineering. Norway House Foundation Grant

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CONNOR, JANET
FROM—University of
Chicago
TO—Social
Anthropology Institute
and the Center for
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Society Across the
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the University of Oslo

Dissertation Research, Linguistic Anthropology. Crown Princess Märtha Friendship Fund, The Sather Fund, King Olav V Fund, Carol and Hans Christian Sonne Fund

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FROM—University of Wisconsin-Madison TO—Stiftinga Musea i Sogn og Fjordane & Sunnfjord Museum

Dissertation Research, Folklore - Material Culture. King Olav V Fund

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LLM-Directed Study. Marcus and Amalia Wallenberg Fund, Thord-Gray Memorial Fund

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TO—Maryland Institute
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MFA-Directed Study, Fine Art. Thord-Gray Memorial Fund

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LLM-Directed Study. Thord-Gray Memorial Fund

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MA-Directed Study, Public Administration. Marcus and Amalia Wallenberg Fund

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TO-Uppsala University

Dissertation Research, Scandinavian Studies. Scandinavian Seminar, Hans K. Lorentzen Fund

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Post-Doctoral Research, Interdisciplinary Scandinavian Studies/ Diaspora Studies. Thord-Gray Memorial Fund

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FROM—University
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Dissertation Research, Political Science. Thord-Gray Memorial Fund

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Independent Research, Visual Arts -Photography & Film. Thord-Gray Memorial Fund

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Dissertation Research, Scandinavian Literature & Cinema. Thord-Gray Memorial Fund

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Post-Graduate Research, Fine Arts – Photography. Bernadotte Fund, Scandinavian Seminar

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FROM—St. Olaf College
TO—Norwegian
Academy of Music, Oslo;
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of Recorded Sound,
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of Stavanger; Grieg
Academy, Bergen;
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#### FELLOWS 2018 - 2019

#### FROM DENMARK—

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MA-Directed Study, Computer Science. Henrik Kauffmann Fund

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FROM— Pennsylvania State University TO—ADBOU, Institute of Forensic Medicine, University of Southern Denmark

Dissertation Research, Anthropology & Paleodemography. Peter and Birgit Faber Morse Fund

#### MARTIN, MORGAN FROM—University of Pretoria, South Africa

Pretoria, South Africa
TO—University of
Southern Denmark

Dissertation Research, Marine Mammal Conservation. Henrik Kauffmann Fund, Amanda C. Roleson Fund

## WANG, ZIYU FROM—Pennsylvania State University

State University
TO—University of
Southern Denmark

Dissertation Research, Archeology. Peter and Birgit Faber Morse Fund

#### FROM FINLAND—

All candidates
recommended by the
League of FinnishAmerican Societies
(Suomi-Amerikka
Yhdistysten Liitto), Helsinki

#### HENRIKSSON, ERIK

TO—University of California, Los Angeles

Dissertation Research, Linguistics. The Jane and Aatos Erkko Fund

#### ILVESMÄKI, HENRIK TO—Harvard Graduate School of Desian

MA-Directed Study, Architecture. Saara and Björn Wahlroos Fellowship Fund

#### KIRVESLAHTI, HENRY TO—Duke University

PhD-Directed Study, Statistical Science. Carl G. and Rikke Fredriksen Barth Fund

#### KOPONEN, EMMA-JOHANNA

TO—University of Michigan

MA-Directed Study, Piano Performance. Thor and Saimi Soderholm Fund

#### SURMA-AHO, ANTTI TO—Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Dissertation Research, Mechanical Engineering. Saara and Björn Wahlroos Fellowship Fund, Thor and Saimi Soderholm Fund, Carl G. and Rikke Fredriksen Barth Fund

#### **TO FINLAND-**

#### **MELLOR, SCOTT**

FROM—University of Wisconsin-Madison TO—Sjöfartsmuseum [Nautical Museum] in Mariehamn

Postdoctoral Research, Folklore. The Jane and Aatos Erkko Fund

#### OCOBOCK, CARA

FROM—University at Albany, SUNY TO—Arctic Centre, University of Lapland

Postdoctoral Research, Biological Anthropology. Scandinavian Seminar

#### TRYCHTA, KATHLEEN

FROM—University of Maryland, Baltimore TO—University of Helsinki

Dissertation Research, Cellular Mechanisms of Disease. The Jane and Aatos Erkko Fund

#### FROM ICELAND—

All candidates recommended by the Icelandic-American Society (Íslensk-Ameríska Félagid), Reykjavik

#### BJÖRNSSON, ÓLAFUR DARRI TO—University of

TO—University of Chicago

MA-Directed Study, International Relations. Thor Thors Memorial Fund

#### GUÐMUNDSDÓTTIR, GEIRÞRÚÐUR ANNA

TO-Julliard School

MM-Directed Study, Classical Music Performance – Cello. Thor Thors Memorial Fund

#### GUNNARSSON, ARNÓR GUNNAR

TO—Columbia
University

MA-Directed Study, History. Thor Thors Memorial Fund

#### HÖSKULDSDÓTTIR VIBORG, EYGLÓ

TO—New York University

MM-Directed Study, Music Composition and Theory. Charles K. Willey Fund

#### SIGURÐSSON, KRISTJÁN THEODÓR

TO—University of California, Berkeley

MEng-Directed Study, Mechanical Engineering. Charles K. Willey Fund

#### ÚLFSSON, KÁRI TO—Columbia University

MFA-Directed Study, Film. Charles K. Willey Fund. Barth Fund

#### TO ICELAND———

#### BLASHFORD, MARK FROM—Rootstock Puppet Co. TO—The National Theater of Iceland & the Icelandic Center for Puppetry Arts

Post-Graduate Research, Performing Arts – Puppetry. Thor Thors Memorial Fund

#### CESARIO, GRACE FROM—The Graduate Center, CUNY TO—Fornleifastofnun Íslands (The Institute of Archaeology, Iceland)

Dissertation Research, Archaeology. Scandinavian Seminar

#### KOUTNIK, MICHELLE

FROM—University of Washington
TO—University of Iceland

Postdoctoral Research, Geophysics – Glaciology. Scandinavian Seminar

# PERERA, ELIZABETH FROM—York University, Toronto, ON

Graduate Research, Arctic Hydroclimatology of Wetlands. Scandinavian Seminar

#### SAVAGE, MAXINE FROM—University of Washington TO—University of Iceland

Graduate Research, Language and Literature. Thor Thors Memorial Fund, Former Fellows Fund, Hans K. Lorentzen Fund

#### FROM NORWAY——

All candidates recommended by the Norway-America Association (Norge-Amerika Foreningen), Oslo

#### BERGERSEN, ASLAK

TO—Stanford University

Dissertation Research, Biomedical Engineering/ Computer Science. Norway House Foundation Grant

#### BJUGN, ISAK KYRRE LICHTWARCK

TO—University of California, Berkeley

Graduate Research, Bionanotechnology. Andrew E. and G. Norman Wigeland Fund, Norway House Foundation Fund

#### **BØDAL, ESPEN FLO**

### TO—Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Dissertation Research, Engineering. Stolt-Nielsen Fund for Education, Håkon Styri Fund

#### GULBRANDSEN, MAGNUS ANDREAS HAARE

TO—University of California, Berkeley

Dissertation Research, Economics. Norway House Foundation Fund, Andrew E. and G. Norman Wigeland Fund

#### HAAKONSEN, HARALD

TO—University of Chicago

MBA-Directed Study, Business Administration. Andrew E. and G. Norman Wigeland Fund

## HAVER, SIRI TO—University of Chicago

MPP-Directed Study, Public Policy/Human Rights. Andrew E. and G. Norman Wigeland Fund

#### KERR, CASPAR BOYE MARTENS

TO—Massachusetts
Institute of Technology

Graduate Research, Industrial Design Engineering. Andrew E. and G. Norman Wigeland Fund, Mathilde Aas Memorial Fund

#### KVELLAND, EVEN TO—Columbia University

MA-Directed Study, International Affairs. Mathilde Aas Memorial Fund, King Haakon VII Fund, King Olav V Fund

#### LAVELLE, MARIA TO—New York University

MFA, Film - Writing & Directing. Andrew E. and G. Norman Wigeland Fund

#### LENVIK, ASTRID TO—University of California, Berkeley

Dissertation Research, Special Needs Education. Norway House Foundation Grant

#### LINGJÆRDE, CAMILLA

TO—University of California, Berkeley

Graduate Research, Statistics & Data Analysis. Norway House Foundation Grant, Andrew E. and G. Norman Wigeland Fund

#### MOLDEN, LARS HOVDAN

TO—University of Wisconsin-Madison

Dissertation Research, Business Administration. Andrew E. and G. Norman Wigeland Fund

#### MUSHOM, LARS TO—University of California, Berkeley

Graduate Research, Applied Mathematics. Andrew E. and G. Norman Wigeland Fund, Mathilde Aas Memorial

#### ONSHUUS, HELENE TO—Princeton University

Dissertation Research, Economics. King Olav V Fund

#### ØSTBY, MAUD TO—Long Island University Post

MSc-Directed Study, Clinical Mental Health Counseling. King Haakon VII Fund

#### WARD, HENNING TO—University of California, Berkeley

Graduate Research, Cybernetics. Mathilde Aas Memorial Fund, Norway House Foundation Fund

#### TO NORWAY—

# HYATT, JORDAN FROM—Drexel University TO—Statistisk sentralbyrås (Statistics Norway)

Postdoctoral Research, Criminology/ Sociology. Crown Princess Märtha Friendship Fund

#### IHDE, KIRSTIN FROM—University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh

Independent Research, Music Performance. Alice and Corrin Strong Fund

#### JOHNSON, KATIE FROM—University of Tennessee-Knoxville

Independent Research, Music Performance. Sven and Ingrid Bernhard Fund

## RETELLE, MICHAEL FROM—Bates College TO—University Centre in Svalbard

Postdoctoral Research, Geoscience. Scandinavian Seminar

#### FROM SWEDEN—

All candidates recommended by the Swedish Fulbright Commission, Stockholm

#### HENKOW, FRIDA ALEXANDRA TO—New York University

MA-Directed Study, International Relations. Marcus and Amalia Wallenberg Fund

# KENNY, EMMA JOSEPHINE TO—Northeastern University

MA-Directed Study, International Affairs. The Dr. Mary Jane Oestmann Fellowship Fund in the Sciences, Thord-Gray Memorial Fund

#### SAURÉN, MARIA ANNA-KARIN PAULINA

TO—University of California, Los Angeles

LLM-Directed Study. The Dr. Mary Jane Oestmann Fellowship Fund in the Sciences, Marcus and Amalia Wallenberg Fund

#### TO SWEDEN-

#### CARROLL, CAITLIN

FROM—University of
Texas at Austin
TO—Centrum för
genusvetenskap (Centre
for Gender Research),
Uppsala University

Dissertation Research, Sociology. Thord-Gray Memorial Fund

#### LAYNE, ADAM

FROM—University of Oregon, Eugene TO—Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm

Postdoctoral Research, Mathematics. Thord-Gray Memorial Fund, Selma Swanson Fund

#### MIDDLETON, ALEXANDRA

FROM—Princeton
University
TO—Chalmers
University of Technology

Dissertation Research, Medical Anthropology & Social Studies of Science and Technology. Thord-Gray Memorial Fund

#### SMITH, JOSHUA FROM—Humboldt State University

TO—Uppsala University

Postdoctoral Research, Physical Organic Chemistry. John G. Bergquist Fund

# ZHU, JIAHUA FROM—University of Akron TO—Luleå University of Technology

Postdoctoral Research, Applied Chemistry. Bernadotte Fund, Thord-Gray Memorial Fund

## TO MULTIPLE COUNTRIES—

#### BELANGER, MARION

FROM—Wesleyan
University
TO—Svalbard Global
Seed Vault, Abisko
Scientific Research
Station, The Center
for Environmental and
Climate Research at
Lund University

Post-Graduate Research, Fine Arts – Photography. Bernadotte Fund, Scandinavian Seminar

#### **FELDT, ALISON**

FROM—St. Olaf College TO—Norwegian Academy of Music, Oslo; Norwegian Institute of Recorded Sound, Stavanger; University of Stavanger; Grieg Academy, Bergen; Royal College of Music, Stockholm; and Royal Danish Academy of Music, Copenhagen

Postdoctoral Research, Music: Nordic Solo Vocal Music. Alice and Corrin Strong Fund, Sven and Ingrid Bernhard Fund, James L. Howard Grant

## **FOLK ART FELLOWS 2017 - 2018**

#### ANDERSON, JUSTIN

#### FROM-Duluth, MN

Apprentice Justin Anderson and master shipwright
John Finkle traveled to the Viking Ship Museum in
Roskilde, Denmark, to study traditional hand-crafted,
Scandinavian-style, lapstrake, clinker-built wooden boats.
The project featured monthly community workshops in
Duluth before and after the research trip to communicate
about and perpetuate the learning of traditional skills.

#### **BLOOMQUIST, PIEPER**

#### FROM—Grand Forks, ND

Master artist Pieper Bloomquist and her apprentice Molly McLain studied canvas painting and traditional decorative painting on furniture, folk traditions from Dalarna, Sweden. Upon their return, they continued to perpetuate these traditions through events in eastern North Dakota and northwestern Minnesota.

#### **CHRYSLER, JOSHUA**

#### FROM-Fort Collins, CO

Mr. Chrysler conducted a survey of Scandinavian traditional arts and folklife in South Dakota, focusing on the southeastern corner of the state. His project resulted in 20-25 ethnographic interviews and documentation (audio recordings, photo documentation, field notes), which were intended to help the South Dakota Arts Council Traditional Arts Program to better serve the community with its Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Program, as well as its Arts for Life artists-in-residence program.

#### **HERKERT, ANDREA**

#### FROM- Belleville, WI

Ms. Herkert traveled to Norway to boost her knowledge of rural artists, culture and history, while further developing her artistic skills to enhance her teaching and her painting. Her project included working with master Rosemaling artists Turid Helle Fatland and Tove Ness.

#### HIRSCH, JESS

#### FROM—Minneapolis, MN

Ms. Hirsch studied with master woodworker Beth Moen at the Sätergläntan Folk School to learn how to make hand carved bowls and also how to teach bowl carving. She returned home to share her new knowledge at Women's Woodshop, a storefront studio space that trains women in woodworking skills.

#### LARSEN, ROBERT

#### FROM—Brainerd, MN

Master Hardanger Fiddle Luthier Robert (Bud) Larsen and his two apprentices, Aaran Joneson and Craig Bjorland, traveled to Telemark, Norway, to study Hardanger fiddle building traditions by visiting collections in museums and private collections. They also attended fiddling and dance competitions, while working with local fiddle builders. This project strengthened the apprentices' knowledge of the culture and traditions of the Hardanger fiddle and helped establish a connection between American and Norwegian luthiers.

#### MUSSER, BILL

#### FROM-Decorah, IA

Otter Dreaming, a professional musician, piano instructor, composer, and conductor, transcribed into standard notation the tune-books of Johan Arndt Mostad (1833-1909), a Norwegian immigrant who came from the community of Frosta in Trøndelag to Winneshiek County, Iowa, in 1869.

#### **REBHOLZ. KAREN**

#### FROM—Madison, WI

Ms. Rebholz studied sound adjustments done during the construction of Hardanger fiddles with Sigvald Rorlien, the director of the Hardanger fiddle building workshop at Ole Bull Akademiet in Voss, Norway. She learned the intricacies of adjustments to the bass bar, bridge and rigging—skills not commonly understood by current U.S. luthiers.

#### **RENNAN, ARNA**

#### FROM—Duluth, MN

Ms. Rennan attended three major folk music gatherings in Scandinavia to interview young artists for her Nordic Roots Radio program. She produced 20 new programs from these interviews, focusing on the trends among younger folk musicians and the spectrum between traditional folk and contemporary fusion.

#### SHAW, AMY

#### FROM—St. Paul, MN

Ms. Shaw prepared for publication an edition of a rare 1890s tunebook by Norwegian fiddler Ole Hendricks (1851-1935), who settled in western Minnesota. The 97-page manuscript is an important primary source for the study of traditional music and dance in the Scandinavian-American communities. The publication will include tune transcriptions and annotations; an introduction providing both biographical and historical context; illustrations; and a companion CD of a selection of the tunes, featuring master artists Vidor Skrede and Beth Rotto.

# PUBLIC PROGRAMS & COMMUNITY PROJECTS 2017-2018

#### **CRIS ANDERSON PRODUCTIONS**

Minneapolis, MN

In support of an independent public television documentary about 83-year-old Danish-American master fiddler and button accordion player, Dwight Lamb.

#### **FOLKLORE VILLAGE**

Dodgeville, WI

In support of a series of summer hands-on workshops that highlight Scandinavian traditional arts at the Folk School at Folklore Village.

## VESTERHEIM NORWEGIAN-AMERICAN MUSEUM

Decorah, IA

In support of creating a Scandinavian Handcraft Club for Kids that will teach the basics of rosemaling and weaving based upon the success of the model established by Vesterheim's Whitling Klubb.

## THE CEDAR CULTURAL CENTER, INC. Minneapolis, MN

In support of the participation of Swedish folk rockers Høven Drøven at The Cedar's three-day 10th Annual Global Roots Festival. Høven Drøven will also lead at least one educational activity, workshop, or discussion in the local Somali community each day during the festival.

## **FOLK ART FELLOWS 2018 - 2019**

#### AUNE, ALISON FROM—Duluth, MN

Ms. Aune researched and studied contemporary Swedish folk-art painting in order to create a more informed and expanded body of work. After this study she continued to promote the appreciation and preservation of Swedish folk painting through community exhibitions, presentations, and workshops for all ages.

### BENDER, CAROL & RUCINSKI, PAMELA FROM—Wisconsin Rapids and Oshkosh, WI

Ms. Bender and Ms. Rucinski traveled to Sweden to broaden their painting skills by studying traditional materials and methods used for Dalmålning and Rattvik painting. They also studied the traditional folk-art paintings of Helsingland and bonadasmålning in southern Sweden.

#### EDGIN, ERIC FROM—Duluth. MN

Mr. Edgin visited the Vesterheim Museum in Decorah, lowa, to examine their collections of coppered vessels. Using measurements and photos, he made both the specialized tools needed for Scandinavian work methods and the vessels inspired by those that he handled. Edgin then documented the process and displayed the new vessels to inspire others to participate in this craft.

#### KEENAN, KAREN FROM—Duluth, MN

Ms. Keenan's project involved reviving in the Midwest the once well-known Swedish traditional folk art of jewelry known as 'hairwork.' As an apprentice to Joanna Svensson, she made traditional Swedish folk-art table-constructed hairwork jewelry and continues to bring this skill back to the Duluth region by teaching classes at Duluth's Nordic Center and other arts venues.

#### LAFLEUR, ROBBIE

#### FROM—Minneapolis, MN

Ms. LaFleur traveled to Norway to focus on Norwegian billedvev (tapestry) to enhance her weaving practice and enrich her teaching. During a 19-day residency at Frida Hansens Hus in Stavanger, Norway, she studied the work of renowned weaver Frida Hansen. Upon her return, LaFleur continued to lecture at the Weavers Guild of Minnesota and Vesterheim, publish an article in the Norwegian Textile Letter, and add her newly learned techniques to specialty workshops for weavers, textile enthusiasts, and people interested in Norwegian cultural history.

#### LAHTI, DUANE FROM—Iron River. WI

Mr. Lahti and his apprentice, restored the John Aho farmstead house, an 1890s pioneer house and example of Finnish-American vernacular architecture, recently moved to the Oulu Cultural and Heritage Center (OCHC). The apprentice learned log building and historic structure renovation skills and thus continued to perpetuate this traditional art form.

## LUSK, BECKY FROM—Coon Valley, WI

Ms. Lusk traveled to Skreia, Norway to participate in the study of Acanthus & Dragon Style Drawing and Design with master woodcarver, Arve Mosand. While there she deepened her knowledge of the design elements of Acanthus and Dragon Style forms of relief carving.

#### **NORMAN. NATALIE**

#### FROM-Minneapolis, MN

Ms. Norman participated in a two five-day embroidery course on yllebroderi and pasom at Saterglantan.

Norman also studied embroidery samples at the Dalarnas Museum in Falun, Ottelia Adleborg Museum in Gagnef, and the Nordiska Museum in Stockholm to enhance her skills in traditional Swedish hand embroidery techniques. Upon her return, she continued to conduct workshops to encourage the perpetuation of traditional embroidery skills.

#### **OLSON, PETER**

#### FROM—Chassell. MI

Mr. Olson is passing on the skills and knowledge of a lifetime working in the woods to apprentices Marjorie Miller, Matthew Durocher, and Arne Pelto. The apprentices learned how to harvest wood and supplies and then to carve birds with wings and tail out of one piece of wood, as well as other crafts such as rocking man, weather stick, spoons, sauna ladle, whistle, sun symbols, baskets, and hay rakes.

#### PAJUNEN, SARA FROM—Gilbert, MN

Ms. Pajunen, an accomplished classical violinist and traditional fiddler, studied along-side Benedicte Maurseth and Knut Hamre, two of Norway's most celebrated fiddlers, immersing herself in Hardanger fiddle tradition. She continues to study the history of the tradition, the mechanics and style of the instrument and bow, and the various tune types.

### PETERSON, WILLIAM FROM—Canton, SD

Mr. Peterson created a live television recording and webcast performing tunes from the repertoire of renowned Danish-American fiddler and button accordion player Dwight Lamb. The program took place on Thursday, June 14, 2019, in the South Dakota Public Broadcasting studio in Sioux Falls, SD. The program included fiddler Kristian Bugge, accordionist Mette Jensen Staerk and guitarist Morten Alfred Hoirup, as well as members of the Omaha Scandinavian dancers who danced to these polkas, waltzes and schottisches.

#### PRYOR, ANNE FROM—Madison, WI

Ms. Pryor conducted ethnographic fieldwork documenting Scandinavian-American cultural practices in foodways and agriculture in Wisconsin. The research will be used by the Wisconsin Teachers of Local Culture (WTLC) to create resource materials for K-14 school

teachers, librarians, and museum educators in 2020, helping to heighten the visibility of and perpetuate traditional practices.

## RORVIG, DONALD FROM—Stoughton, WI

Mr. Rorvig and his apprentice Rodger Hanson created a historically accurate reproduction of the Oseburg Wagon, the original of which was excavated by archaeologists and is now found in the Viking Ship Museum in Oslo, Norway. Rorvig's project will perpetuate the Oseberg Style (typical of Viking or Nordic art in the Ninth Century) in the United States. The Wagon will be available for viewing by the public at various times during its construction and upon completion will be part of public presentations around the Midwest on the history of the Oseberg Wagon and Oseberg Art Style.

#### SAWYER, MICHAEL FROM—Saint Paul, MN

Mr. Sawyer studied and continues to transcribe, teach and archive the collections of Minnesota master fiddler Hilary Stoltman and his father, Walter Stoltman. The Upper Midwest Folk Fiddlers will continue presenting Stoltmans' work to the public through concerts, workshops, and websites.

#### SUTTER, ROSS FROM—Minneapolis, MN

Mr. Sutter studied with master Swedish traditional singer Anders Larsson, focusing on unaccompanied song, particularly the Swedish form of lilting dance tunes called trall. Sutter studied in Sweden for 20 days in July 2019. Following his study, he and Larsson will present songs at the American Swedish Institute in Minneapolis.

#### ZURAW, CLARE FROM—Houghton, MI

Ms. Zuraw has deepened her skills in performing and teaching the jouhikko (the traditional Finnish bowed lyre) by traveling to Finland to participate in a series of private lessons with Helsinki-based master jouhikko player Ilkka Heinonen as well as other masters. She returned to Michigan to engage the community as a stronger teacher and more refined performer and broaden awareness of this ancient folk instrument in the United States.

# PUBLIC PROGRAMS & COMMUNITY PROJECTS 2018-2019

#### ARTS MIDWEST

Minneapolis, MN

In support of the participation of Norwegian musician Unni Boksasp and her ensemble at the 2019 *Arts Midwest World Fest.* The ensemble will conduct week-long residencies in Prairie Du Chien, Wisconsin; Dubuque, Iowa; Red Wing, Minnesota; Pierre, South Dakota; and Dickinson, North Dakota.

## DAWSON-BOYD ARTS ASSOCIATION Dawson, MN

In support of artists' fees and travel expenses for Scandinavian Folk Music Infusion!, a series of workshops and performances of Scandinavian and Scandinavian-American traditional folk music for elementary and high school music students as well as for adults and senior residents in rural western Minnesota.

## FINLANDIA UNIVERSITY FINNISH & NORDIC STUDIES PROGRAM

Hancock, MI

In support of *Pelkie: A Century of Finnishness in the American Northwoods*, a documentary film project detailing the folklife and history of Pelkie, a Finnish-American farming and logging community in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

#### MUSEUM OF DANISH AMERICA Decorah, IA

In support of Nordic-American Culinary Arts:

Documentation and Video Project, which will document traditional Nordic culinary arts within the Nordic-American communities of the Twin Cities metropolitan area.

#### NISSWA STAMMAN Brainerd, MN

In support of Nisswa Stamman 20th Anniversary Nordic Folk Artist's Workshops, a series of workshops celebrating, augmenting, and preserving Nordic traditional music and dance in which nine traditionbearers from the Nordic countries and four U.S. masters will teach two two-hour workshops.

## WISCONSIN TEACHERS OF LOCAL CULTURE C/O FOLKLORE VILLAGE Madison. WI

In support of Scandinavian Folk Arts in the K-12 Classroom, a one-day professional development workshop introducing educators to Scandinavian-American traditional artists, offering insights on the cultural life of their communities, and providing tools for identifying and integrating local culture resources into their curricula.

#### **PUBLIC PROJECT GRANTS**

ASF's Public Project Grants provide support for programs of Scandinavian culture, art, and thought across the United States, as well as programs presenting American culture to the Nordic countries. During 2017–2018, \$32,000 was awarded in grants to eighteen public projects; in 2018–2019, an additional \$39,600 was awarded to fifteen projects. In cooperation with distinguished institutions across the U.S. and abroad, funding is allocated to allow institutions of all sizes to add programming focused on Nordic culture.

## PUBLIC PROJECT GRANTS FUNDED BY ASF 2017-18

#### American Swedish Historical Foundation, Philadelphia, PA

In support of the ASHM Summer Concert Series, featuring Swedish folk artists Oskar Stenmark and JAERV, August 3-31, 2018. New Sweden '88 Fund

#### andPLAY, INC., New York, NY

In support of a collaborative concert by the Swedish composer collective, koetsu, entitled "Translucent Harmonies," to be performed in the Fall of 2018. New Sweden '88 Fund

#### Ars Nova Workshop, Philadelphia, PA

In support of *Time is a Blind Guide*, presentation of Norwegian drummer Paal Nilssen-Love's large ensemble Large Unit, as part of a series of presentations by Scandinavian artists to close out the 2017-18 season, June 1 – July 31, 2018. *Andrew E. and G. Norman Wigeland Fund* 

#### Bishop Hill Heritage Association, Bishop Hill, IL

In support of a performance by The Nordland Band at the Bishop Hill Midsommar Music Festival and a Scandinavian folk songs workshop at the Steeple Building Museum, Saturday, June 23, 2018. Thord-Gray Memorial Fund

#### City Parks Foundation, New York, NY

In support of performances of Ingmar Bergman's *Beppo* the Clown, at the Swedish Cottage Marionette Theatre, October 3 – 7, 2018. New Sweden '88 Fund

#### Holy Trinity (Old Swedes) Foundation, Inc., Wilmington, DE

In support of the participation of Dr. Linda Rugg and Dr. Gregg Roeber as speakers at the 18th Annual New Sweden History Conference (NSHC), at the German Society of Philadelphia, Saturday, November 10, 2018. New Sweden '88 Fund

#### Lotus Education and Arts Foundation, Bloomington, IN

In support of performances by Swedish folk rock band Hoven Droven at the 25th Lotus World Music & Arts Festival, September 28-29, 2018. Thord-Gray Memorial Fund

#### Museum of Contemporary Art Tucson, Tucson, AZ

In support of Denmark-based contemporary artist Rose Eken's solo exhibition *In Residence*, January 13 – March 31, 2018. *Helen Lee and Emil Lassen Fund* 

#### Mystic Seaport Museum, Inc., Mystic, CT

In support of the exhibition *The Era of Exhibitions at Mystic Seaport: The Vikings Begin and The Vinland Map,*May – September 2018. Thord-Gray Memorial Fund

#### New York Scandia Symphony, New York, NY

In support of the Scandinavian Music Festival in Fort Tryon Park, June 10-24, 2018. Henrik Kauffmann Fund

#### Nordic Museum, Seattle, WA

In support of the exhibition *Northern Exposure: Contempo*rary *Nordic Arts Revealed*, the inaugural special exhibition for the Grand Opening of the new Nordic Museum, May 5 -September 16, 2018. *Henrik Kauffmann Fund* 

#### Norway House, Minneapolis, MN

In support of travel expenses for Oslo-based photographer, Nancy Bundt, for the exhibition *Perceptions of Norway: A* photographic exhibit on the lives of Norwegians today, April 6 – June 16, 2018. Andrew E. and G. Norman Wigeland Fund

#### Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, Inc., New York, NY

In support of travel expenses for Norwegian musicians Truls Mørk and Tine Thing Helseth to participate in collaboration performances with Orpheus Chamber Orchestra at Carnegie Hall and on domestic tour, December 2, 2017 – February 3, 2018. *Andrew E. and G. Norman Wigeland Fund* 

#### The Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, Oshkosh, WI

In support of the *Nordic Music Festival*, October 14-18, 2018. *Thord-Gray Memorial Fund* 

#### Other Minds, San Francisco, CA

In support of travel expenses for the participation of Norwegian artists Espen Sommer Eide and Tone Åse in OM Festival 23: International Sound Poetry, Language Art and Text-Sound Composition, April 9-14, 2018. Andrew E. and G. Norman Wigeland Fund

#### Performance Space 122, Inc., New York, NY

In support of performances of 21 PORNOGRAPHIES by Danish choreographer Mette Ingvartsen, as part of Performance Space New York's *Posthuman Series*, August - December 2019. *Helen Lee and Emil Lassen Fund* 

#### Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum and Foundation, New York, NY

In support of an exhibition of works by Swedish artist Hilma af Klint, October 18, 2018 - February 3, 2019. New Sweden '88 Fund, Philip W. Pfeifer III Fund

#### Yellowstone Art Museum. Billings, MT

In support of the exhibition, *Emil Carlsen's Quiet Harmonies: A Historic Master in Contemporary Context*, an examination of landscapes by Danish-American painter Emil Carlsen, January 1 – September 30, 2018. *Helen Lee and Emil Lassen Fund* 

## PUBLIC PROJECT GRANTS FUNDED BY ASF 2018-2019

#### Anchorage Museum Association, Anchorage, AK

In support of the symposium *Curating the North* to be held in Anchorage, Alaska, March 1-June 30, 2019, a collaboration with the Arctic Culture Lab in Kjøllefjord and the Northern Norway Art Museum in Tromsø, Norway. *Andrew E. and G. Norman Wigeland Fund* 

#### Big Ears Festival, Knoxville, TN

In support of performances by the Norwegian group, Mathias Eick Quintet, at Big Ears Festival on March 21-24, 2019. Andrew E. and G. Norman Wigeland Fund

## Composers Concordance, West Newton, MA, Bennington, VT & New York, NY

In support of travel expenses for Oslo-based accordionist, Andreas Angell, to participate in *Andreas Angell / Bjorn Bolstad Skjelbred US Tour*, June 21-23, 2019. Andrew E. and G. Norman Wigeland Fund

#### Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA

In support of the exhibition Across the West and Toward the North: Norwegian and American Landscape Photography, May 1, 2019-May 1, 2022. Andrew E. and G. Norman Wigeland Fund

#### **HERE Art Center, New York, NY**

In support of the New York City premiere of *Ashes*, a haunting puppetry work created by French-Norwegian company Plexus Polaire and directed by Norwegian artist Yngvild Aspeli, March 12-17, 2019. *Andrew E. and G. Norman Wigeland Fund* 

#### Holy Trinity (Old Swedes) Foundation dba Old Swedes Foundation & Historic Site, Essington, PA

In support of travel expenses for Dr. Byron Nordstrom to participate in "Kindling Their Hearts – Music", the Nineteenth Annual New Sweden History Conference (NSHC), November 2, 2019. New Sweden '88 Fund

## IARMAC (International Academy for Russian Music, Arts, and Culture), Iowa City, Coralville & Cedar Rapids, IA

In support of travel expenses for Norwegian guitarist, Marko Erdivicki, to participate in *Russian Seven-String Guitar Festival IARGUS 2019*, which will be a Scandinavian themed festival with the creation and performance of new arrangements of music by Edvard Grieg and Carl Bellman for Russian Guitar ensembles. *Andrew E. and G. Norman Wigeland Fund* 

#### Mela listamannafélag, Herðubreið, Seyðisfjörður, Iceland

In support of the Icelandic premiere of opera *The Raven's Kiss*, by Evan Fein and Þorvald Davíð Kristjánsson, August 8-25, 2019. *Sven and Ingrid Bernhard Fund* 

#### MiolinaNYC Inc, New York, NY

In support of travel expenses for Swedish sound artist/composer, Ann Rosén, to participate in a performance of "Crossing the Barrier", a concert which features works by five contemporary Scandinavian composers. New Sweden '88 Fund

#### Museum of Arts and Design, New York, NY

In support of the transportation of jewelry from Sweden for the exhibition *Non-Stick Nostalgia*: Y2K Retrofuturism in Contemporary Jewelry, March 21 - July 17, 2019. New Sweden '88 Fund

#### Nasher Sculpture Center, Dallas, TX

In support of travel expenses for Norwegian artist, Ingar Dragset, to participate in the exhibition *Elmgreen & Dragset*, September 14, 2019 – January 5, 2020. *Andrew E. and G. Norman Wigeland Fund* 

#### New York Scandia Symphony, New York, NY

In support of three concerts at *The Scandinavian Music Festival 2019* at Fort Tryon Park in Northern Manhattan, June 2-16, 2019. *Helen Lee and Emil Lassen Fund, New Sweden '88 Fund* 

#### The Crossing, Philadelphia, PA

In support of the Philadelphia premiere performances of *Aniara: fragments of time & space*, an experimental, hybrid, choral-theater work, January 1-June 30, 2019. *New Sweden '88 Fund* 

#### The Edvard Grieg Society of the Great Lakes, Goshen, IN

In support of A Norwegian in Paris: Edvard Grieg and Fin-de-siècle French Music, a two-day conference including concerts and piano and voice competitions at the University of Indianapolis, March 31, 2019-April 2, 2019. Andrew E. and G. Norman Wigeland Fund

#### The Phillips Collection, Washington, DC

In support of the exhibition Nordic Impressions: Art from Åland, Denmark, the Faroe Islands, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden, 1821–2017, October 13, 2018-January 13, 2019. Andrew E. and G. Norman Wigeland Fund, Helen Lee and Emil Lassen Fund

#### TRANSLATION PRIZES

Outstanding English translations of poetry, fiction, drama, or literary prose originally written in a Nordic language are recognized each year by ASF's Nadia Christensen Translation Prize and Leif and Inger Sjöberg Translation Prize.

#### 2017-18

#### MÄKINEN, MAIJA LIISA

#### **Nadia Christensen Prize**

Translation from Finnish of an excerpt from *Pelon* maantiede (Geography of Fear) by Anja Snellman. The Rev. Lars R. Lund Fund for Nordic Literature

#### **BOWERS, MELISSA**

#### Leif and Inger Sjöberg Prize

Translation from Swedish of poems from Vittnen till meningslösa händelser (Witness to Meaningless Events) by Jasmin Mohamed. Leif and Inger Sjöberg Fund

#### 2018-19

#### **VANADA, KELSI**

#### **Nadia Christensen Prize**

Translation from Swedish of poems from *Atlantis* by Marie Silkeberg. *The Rev. Lars R. Lund Fund for Nordic Literature* 

#### **HELLBERG, SHERILYN** Leif and Inger Sjöberg Prize

Translation from Danish of poems from *Nike* by Caspar Eric. *Leif and Inger Sjöberg Fund* 

#### VISITING LECTURESHIP

Each year, ASF offers funding to American colleges and universities to support a semester long visiting lecture-ship by a distinguished scholar from Norway along with a travel stipend so that the lecturer can speak at other institutions in the U.S.

#### 2017-18

#### YALE UNIVERSITY NEW HAVEN, CT

#### Department of Psychiatry

In support of Dr. Ottar Ness (University College of Southeast Norway), Fall Semester 2017. *Andrew E. and G. Norman Wigeland Fund* 

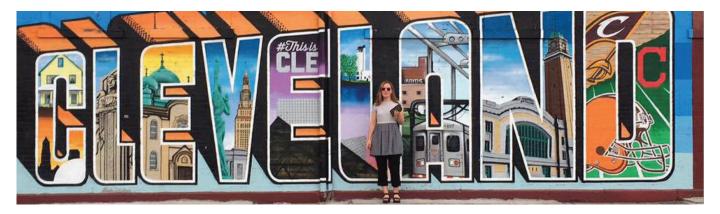
#### 2018-19

#### GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON, DC

Department of Government, Conflict Resolution Master of Arts Program

In support of Prof. Peter Arbo (University of Tromsø), Spring Semester 2019. Andrew E. and G. Norman Wigeland Fund

#### INTERNSHIPS & TRAINING



——ASF INTERN GRY VOSS IN CLEVELAND—IMAGE COURTESY GRY VOSS

The American-Scandinavian Foundation's Internship and Training programs facilitate cultural and educational exchange between the United States and the five Nordic countries. During the two-year period covered by this report, ASF welcomed 187 young Scandinavians to the U.S. to participate in internship and training programs in 23 states and Washington DC and the U.S. Virgin Islands



-OSCAR BRASK AT CHARLOTTE MOTOR SPEEDWAY-IMAGE COURTESY OSCAR BRASK

Designated by the U.S. Department of State, ASF provides J-1 visa sponsorship for these ambitious applicants, making it possible for them to acquire on-the-job experience and gain new skills and knowledge. ASF has welcomed more than 16,000 program participants since initiating this program in 1949.

Scandinavian interns and trainees gain valuable professional experience and build beneficial relationships, while learning American business techniques to be applied in their home countries. Students and young professionals participate in a wide range of fields from architecture, fashion design, and marketing to industrial and computer engineering. Each participant is welcomed by the host company as a member of its team and receives a direct, personal introduction to American practices in his or her professional field.

ASF is grateful to the many American businesses and organizations that have made it possible for these interns and trainees to have this experience. ASF is proud to continue its support of these motivated individuals and wishes past, current, and future participants continued success in their endeavors.

#### FROM ASF INTERNS & HOST FIRMS

"This program has had a great impact on me, not only as a future architect but also as a person. I learned about the American spirit of wanting to help (through) the concept of pro bono, charity and fundraising,. As a Swedish architecture student, my classmates and I are all taught to appreciate a similar aesthetic — working with design in another country makes you question your decisions."

-Anna Grundmark, SHKS Architects (Seattle, WA)

"To be on the front line with a lot of responsibilities is something that will later put me ahead, I also worked in another culture, which gave me new ideas that will benefit me when I get a job — I'll have more to bring and give to a company."—Ali Kayambi, Washington Timbers Football Club (Vancouver, WA)

"I gained knowledge of operating an American automotive dealership, and learned a lot about the use of parameters and technology that Danish dealerships have difficulty handling. I also had the freedom to choose the subjects I found interesting and useful." —Jakob Casper Aaløse, Phillips Auto (Newport Beach, CA)

"Without a doubt, this has been the most exciting time of my life, I have learned so much both professionally and personally. I couldn't recommend it enough." —Belmin Dervisevic, BISON (Boston, MA)

#### **TO APPLY**

Visit amscan.org/internships-and-training for more information and guidelines on how to apply for J-1 visa sponsorship through the American-Scandinavian Foundation's Internship & Training Programs.

## INTERNSHIPS & TRAINING CONTINUED

#### **HOST FIRMS IN THE UNITED STATES**

Over the course of this report ASF sponsored J-1 visas for interns and trainees in twenty-seven states. Many of the host firms listed below have ongoing relationships with ASF and regularly offer internship and training positions to Scandinavians.



-CORNELIA FRANZEN-IMAGE COURTESY CORNELIA FRANZEN

#### **Alabama**

**Hydratech Industries** 

#### California

Phillips Auto, Trusted Insight, Innovation Norway, ALOM Technologies Corporation, Richardson Oliver Insights LLC, Republic of Fritz Hansen, ATUM, EkiTravel, Avalex Civil Engineering and Environmental Services, Host Compliance, LLC, Rios Clementi Hail Studios, The Music Box, Martensen Wright PC, As You Sow Foundation, Logonet USA Inc., Monte Stott & Associates Inc., NASA Ames Research Center, Pacific Advanced Civil Engineering, Inc., Charlap Hyman & Herrero, Omgivning, Inc., UniversalGiving,



--MIKA TOMPURI-IMAGE COURTESY OF MIKA TOMPURI

#### Colorado

Vestas Wind Systems A/S

#### Connecticut

Ultrabulk A/S

#### **District of Columbia**

DSPolitical, Partnership for Global Security, American Enterprise Institute



-FREDRIK INGELSSON-IMAGE COURTESY OF FREDRIK INGELSSON

#### **Florida**

Amerden AGVS, Honorary Consulate of Finland, The Finnish American Chamber of Commerce, EkiTravels

#### Georgia

RELEX Solutions Inc., SpacePole Inc.

#### Illinois

Cramer-Krasselt, Myefski Architects, Techstars, Swedish-American Museum

#### lowa

Museum of Danish America



**—RENÉE GYLLENSVAAN—**IMAGE COURTESY OF RENÉE GYLLENSVAAN

#### Maryland

NVI, Inc.

#### **Massachusetts**

Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston Illiquid Securities Offering Network Inc. (BISON), Bolt Depot, Inc., Herb Chambers Dealerships, Albireo Pharma

#### Michigan

Finnish American Heritage Center, FEV North America Inc., The Finnish American Reporter,

#### **Montana**

Hygge Coffee

#### **New Hampshire**

ECCO USA, Inc.

#### **New Jersey**

SKIM Analytical Inc., Rema Tip Top North America Inc., Transgroup Global Logistics,



-ANDERS GRINDE-PHOTO COURTESY ANDERS GRINDE

#### **New York**

Derek Lam, Samantha Chang, Finnish Cultural Institute, Tigerrisk, Daniel Shea Studio, Søren Rose Studio, Confederation of Danish Industry, Scorpio Tankers Inc., Roberts Capital Advisors, Scandinavian Tourism Inc., Marimekko, BTS USA, Inc., Henning Larsen, Linkfire Inc., Work AC, Document Journal, Winston & Strawn LLP, Gradient Architecture, The Swedish American Chamber of Commerce Inc., H5Property, OMA New York, Bradbury Lewis, Prive Group, The Front, Blank Rome LLP, Interact Marketing, Style Council, Jenner & Block LLP, Craftsman+, Amcham Finland Inc., GrowthWheel International Inc., Bruce + Hansen LLC, Office Magazine, Apartmento Studios Inc., Proenza Schouler, Kate Spade New York, Community Connections for Youth, Inc., VisitDenmark, SAP America Inc., Innovation Norway, La Scuola d'Italia, Religions for Peace, 138 productions, StudioMDA, Scandinavia House

#### **North Carolina**

PE Geometry Inc., American Forest Management, Xdin Inc.



-OSCAR BRASK AND FABIAN BENGTSSON-COURTESY FABIAN BENGTSSON

#### Ohio

Coulter Ventures d.b.a. Rogue Fitness, Cleveland Public Theater

#### Pennsylvania

Freedom Auto Group

#### **Rhode Island**

Toci, Retail Solutions Inc.

#### **South Carolina**

Outokumpu

#### **Tennessee**

Triple 8 Management

#### **Texas**

Game On Arena Sports, Ewing Industrial Services, LLC, Pacific Summit Energy LLC, Schlumberger Technology Corporation

#### Washington

American Forest Management, Host Compliance, LLC, Washington Timbers Football Club,

#### **U.S. Virgin Islands**

**Blak Corporation** 

#### **MORE FROM ASF INTERNS**

"[During my ASF Internship] I worked as a researcher in planetary exploration for the Intelligent Robotics Group (IRG) at the NASA Ames Research Center; my primary duty was the development of a 3D microscopy system suitable for this task, by making it a small and lightweight device. [It was] a great experience working for NASA and getting to know the people at work, and nature around the Bay Area is incredible"—Gustav Pettersson, NASA Ames Research Center (Mountain View, CA)



-CHRISTOFFER SØRGÅRD-PHOTO COURTESY CHRISTOFFER SØRGÅRD

"I had a field engineering position where I followed and supported a working field engineer on a drilling site. Schlumberger is a great host company and the field engineering internship is a rewarding and educational experience.—Christoffer Sørgård at Schlumberger Technology Corporation in Stafford, TX

"[Agari Data] has a very clear vision, mission and the problem is well-defined. I made friends for life there. People are smart, ambitious, and all pull in the same direction."—Johan Gustafsson at Agari Data, Inc. in Foster City, CA

"This opportunity has truly been an eye-opener and life changing for me."—Andrea Quaade, DIBD NYC Inc. (Brooklyn, NY)

#### SCANDINAVIA HOUSE PROGRAMS



- INDEPENDENT VISIONS: HELENE SCHJERFBECK AND HER CONTEMPORARIES-IMAGE BY CHRISTINE BUTLER

Each year the American-Scandinavian Foundation presents more than 150 cultural and educational programs at Scandinavia House: The Nordic Center in America. In addition to serving as the headquarters for ASF, Scandinavia House is a showcase for Nordic culture and a forum for the exchange of ideas and information.

#### **EXHIBITIONS**

The American-Scandinavian Foundation presents museum-quality exhibitions at Scandinavia House that highlight excellent artistic achievements in the Nordic countries, covering both historical and contemporary subjects in a wide variety of media.

Exhibitions at Scandinavia House are presented in the third floor galleries: Stolt-Nielsen Gallery; Inger G. and William Ginsberg Gallery; Hartvig and Olette Gundersen Gallery; and Leif Höegh Gallery.



-INDEPENDENTVISIONS-PHOTO BY EILEEN TRAVELL/ASF

Independent Visions: Helene Schjerfbeck and Her Contemporaries, from the Collection of Ateneum, Finnish National Gallery

FRI-4-29-2017 THROUGH SAT-10-7-2017

Independent Visions, an exhibition presenting 55 works by four celebrated Finnish artists, highlighted their pioneering role at the end of the 19th century and in the early decades of the 20th century: Helene Schjerfbeck (1862–1946), Sigrid Schauman (1877–1979),

Ellen Thesleff (1869–1954), and Elga Sesemann (1922–2007). Coinciding with the year-long celebration of the centennial anniversary of Finland's independence from Russia, the exhibition provided a rich opportunity for American audiences to engage with these influential Finnish painters.



-THE EXPERIMENTAL SELF-PHOTO BY EILEEN TRAVELL/ASF

## The Experimental Self: Edvard Munch's Photography TUE—11-21-2017 THROUGH SAT—4-7-2018

The Experimental Self: Edvard Munch's Photography brought the photographic work of the master painter to NYC for its first showing in the U.S. This exhibition of photographs, films, and a small selection of prints by Edvard Munch emphasizes the artist's experimentalism, examining his exploration of the camera as an expressive medium. By probing and exploiting the dynamics of "faulty" practice, such as distortion, blurred motion, eccentric camera angles, and other photographic "mistakes," Munch photographed himself and his immediate environment in ways that rendered them poetic. In both still images and in his few forays with a hand-held moving-picture camera, Munch not only archived images, but invented them.



-THE EXPERIMENTAL SELF-PHOTO BY EILEEN TRAVELL/ASF(SOMMERDAG)



-OPENING PARTY OF LEGO®BRICKS: A CELEBRATION!-PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BUTLER/ASF

#### LEGO® Bricks: A Celebration! SAT-10-13-2018 THROUGH SAT-1-12-19

To mark the 60th anniversary of the LEGO® brick, ASF presented an exhibition saluting the LEGO Group as a leader of learning through play, LEGO® Bricks: A Celebration! Featuring sculptures, mosaics, and interactive play zones by renowned LEGO® Certified Professional artist Sean Kenney, the exhibition included an overview of the LEGO Group's history and educational mission, as well as a variety of children's workshops at Scandinavia House. Exploring how free play enables children to develop their imagination, the exhibition featured array of sculptures and wall pieces by Brooklyn-based artist Sean Kenney, featuring iconic architecture, patterns inspired by the Moorish tiles of southern Spain, and a series of works dedicated to exploring the interconnectedness of nature. An interactive play zone with 30,000 loose LEGO bricks enabled builders of all ages to explore the creative potential of their imagination. The exhibition opened with a celebration that brought hundreds of visitors to Scandinavia House, with lines around the block circling the building.



-LIGHT LINES-PHOTO BY EILEEN TRAVELL/ASF(SOMMERDAG)

#### Light Lines: The Art of Jan Groth, Inger Johanne Grytting, and Thomas Pihl SAT—10-13-2018 THROUGH SAT—1-12-19

Light Lines celebrated three Norwegian artists who have influenced and continue to influence one another with work that employs the power of the reductive, sharing close ties to the New York community, and representing three generations: Jan Groth (b.1938), Inger Johanne Grytting (b.1949) and Thomas Pihl (b.1964). Considered the foremost Norwegian artist of his generation, Jan Groth has continuously explored the relationship between line and picture plane. Exhibited extensively throughout his career with major exhibitions

including a large-scale retrospective at The Guggenheim Museum in New York, Groth's influence and presence has been widespread both in the Nordic countries and internationally. In his relationships with Grytting and Pihl, the artists share a combined interest in a minimalist, restrained, and conceptual language, while their three practices remain distinctly individual. Featuring a site-specific installation by Groth, each room in the gallery was dedicated to one artist, enabling visitors to experience a body of work while creating connections to the exhibition and artists as a whole.



-NORDIC IMPRESSIONS-PHOTO BY EILEEN TRAVELL/ASF(SOMMERDAG)

#### Nordic Impressions: Contemporary Art from Åland, Denmark, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden SAT-2-23-19 THROUGH SAT-6-8-19

Nordic Impressions brought together a wide array of artistic expressions—paintings, drawings, photographs, installations, films, and videos—that reflect the rich diversity and global character of Nordic art. Curated by Phillips Collection Chief Curator and Deputy Director for Academic Affairs Klaus Ottmann, the exhibition featured works by internationally acclaimed artists such as Olafur Eliasson, Katrín Sigurdardóttir, Ragnar Kjartansson, and Hrafnhildur Arnardóttir / Shoplifter from Iceland; Israeliborn Danish painter Tal R, Danish artist collaborative SUPERFLEX, and artists Jesper Just and Per Kirkeby; Norwegian performance and video artist Tori Wrånes and photographer Torbjørn Rødland; Finnish artist Eija-Liisa Ahtila; Swedish painter Mamma Andersson and video and mixed-media artist Nathalie Djurberg; Sámi artists Outi Pieski and Britta Marakatt-Labba; Greenlandic painter, photographer, and writer Pia Aarke; and others. Made across a spectrum of media from locations throughout the Nordic region, the works in the exhibition each offer a different artistic experience while being tied across themes that have held a special place in Nordic culture, including historic themes such as light and darkness and more contemporary themes.



-OPENING PARTY OF NORDIC IMPRESSIONS-PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BUTLER/ASF

## SCANDINAVIA HOUSE PROGRAMS CONTINUED



-VICTOR BORGE HALL, SCANDINAVIA HOUSE-IMAGE BY EILEEN TRAVELL/ASF

#### **FILMS**

ASF regularly held film screenings at Scandinavia House including annual presentations of New Nordic Cinema and Nordic Oscar contenders, along with the consistently popular Nordic Noir crime series and exhibition-related films. Films are held in Victor Borge Hall, named in honor of the legendary Danish entertainer in recognition of his unwavering devotion to Scandinavian culture and his generosity to Scandinavia House.

#### The Oath /Eiðrinn WED-9-6-2017



-THE OATH

**Valkyrien WED-9-13-2017 THROUGH FRI – 10-6-2017**Episodes 1-8

### Nordic International Film Festival THU-10-12-2017 THROUGH SAT-10-14-2017

Narrative Shorts
Documentary Shorts
Man and A Baby
Quit Staring At My Plate
Waiting for The Sun
Nothing But The Wind
Baker-Man
69 Minutes of 86 Days
The Strange Ones
A Modern Man
Nordic Shorts A
Nordic Shorts B

#### Modus

WED - 10-18-2017 & SAT - 10-21-2017



-GOLD DIGGER

#### New Finnish Cinema WED-10-25-2017 THROUGH FRI-12-1-2017

Little Wing /Tyttö nimeltä varpu Absolution /Henkesi edestä Gold Digger /Onnenonkija Born In Heinola /Teit meistä kauniin Love and Fury /Syysprinssi

#### The Square THU-10-26-2017



-THE SQUARE

#### Unknown Soldier /Tuntematon sotilas SAT-12-2-2017

Tatu and Patu: A Finnish Children's Film SAT-12-9-2017

## Nordic Oscar Contenders WED-1-3-2018 THROUGH THU-1-18-2018

November

You Disappear /Du forsvinder Under The Tree /Undir trénu Tom of Finland Thelma The Square

## The Swedish Challenge: Silent Cinema THU-1-25-2018 THROUGH SAT-2-3-2018

A Norway Lass /Synnöve solbakken A Mother's Fight /Thora van deken Gypsy Anne /Fante-Anne Love's Crucible /Vem dömer Anna-Liisa



-A NORWAY LASS

The House of Shadows /Morænen
The Bride of Glomdal /Glomdalsbruden

#### Hits from the North WED-2-7-2018 THROUGH FRI-3-9-2018

The King's Choice /Kongens nei
Land of Mine /Under sandet
The Nile Hilton Incident
Heartstone /Hjartasteinn
The Other Side of Hope /Toivan tuolla puolen

## Double Feature with Ruben Östlund TUE-2-20-2018

Force Majeure
The Square

New York International Children's Film Festival SAT-2-24-2018, 3-3-2018, 3-10-2018, & 3-17-2018



-мідмі

#### New Nordic Cinema FRI-3-14-2018 THROUGH FRI-5-4-2018

The Rift /Rökkur
Miami
Walk with Me /De standhaftige
The Giant /Jätten
Framing Mom /Rosemari
Cruelty /Grimmd
Going West /Rett vest
The Day Will Come /Der kommer en dag

#### Edvard Munch by Peter Watkins TUE-3-20-2018 & TUE-3-27-2018

Sonica Sequence Film and Performance THU-5-3-2018

Football For Better or Worse TUE-5-22-2018

#### Norskov

#### WED-6-6-2018 THROUGH FRI-6-22-2018

Season 2 Episodes 1-6



#### Siri Derkert Trilogy TUE-6-19-2018

Film screening and discussion with dancer/ choreographer Teresia Björk



-UNDER THE TREE

Under The Tree /Undir trénu TUE-6-26-2018

Manners /Mannasiðir WED-6-27-2018 & THU-6-28-2018

Prisoners /Fangar WED-7-11-2018 THROUGH THU-7-26-2018 Episodes 1-6

## Icelandic Film in Focus THU-9-20-2018 THROUGH TUE-11-27-2018

At Noon Fell A Darkness I Remember You /Ég man þig The Swan /Svanurinn



-PERSONA

## Ingmar Bergman: A Tribute in Film WED-9-26-2018 THROUGH SAT-10-13-2018

Ullmann On Bergman: An Evening with Liv Ullmann & Saraband

Smiles of A Summer Night /Sommarnattens leende Wild Strawberries/Smultronstället

The Magician

Ingmar Bergman Through The Choreographer's Eye The Virgin Spring /Jungfrukällan Through A Glass Darkly /Såsom i en spegel Persona

A Good Week for Democracy WED-10-17-2018

## SCANDINAVIA HOUSE PROGRAMS CONTINUED



-EASTERN MEMORIES

#### FILMS-CONTINUED

## New York Baltic Film Festival THU-10-18-2018 THROUGH SUN-10-21-2018

The Devil's Bride with White Bells 511 Best Photographs From Mars Being Young Short Films The Dissidents

Mother, I Love You

Eastern Memories

When We Talk About The KGB & Running Lights

Rodeo & Manivald

Wonderful Losers: A Different World

Merija's Journey

**Baltic Tribes** 

Together For Ever with The Esperance of Will & Ice



-THICK SKIN (ICELAND IN NEW YORK)

Iceland in New York WED-10-24-2018

Shortfish Film Festival FRI-10-26-2018



-VITAMIN C (SHORTFISH FILM FESTIVAL)

## Nordic International Film Festival 2018 WED-10-31-2018 THROUGH SUN-11-4-2018

**Documentary Shorts** 

Narrative Shorts

Holiday

Letters

Tiger Milk

Nina

Obey

A Moment in the Reeds

Vianev

Nordic Shorts A

Nordic Shorts B

Danmark

Night Child



-BECOMING ASTRID

#### Becoming Astrid /Unga Astrid THU-11-15-2018

## Soviet Hippies /Nõukogude lillelapsed TUE-11-27-2018

Across The Waters /Fuglene over sundet WED-11-28-2018 & FRI - 11-30-2018

Moomins and The Winter Wonderland SAT-12-8-2018



-MOOMINS AND THE WINTER WONDERLAND

#### Nordic & Baltic Oscar Contenders THU-1-3-2019 THROUGH FRI-1-18-2019

The Guilty /Den skyldige
Euthanizer /Armomurhaaja
To Be Continued /Turpinājums
Woman At War /Kona fer í stríð
Take It Or Leave It /Võta või jäta
Border /Gräns
What Will People Say /Hva vil folk si



-THE LUMBERJACK'S WIFE

## Lumberjacks and Logrollers WED-1-23-2019 THROUGH FRI-2-1-2019

The Lumberjack's Bride /Koskenlaskijan morsian
The Song of the Scarlet Flower /Laulu tulipunaisesta kukasta

Two Old Lumberjacks /Kaksi vanhaa tukkijätkää The Day The Earth Froze /Sampo

#### Homo Novus SAT-1-26-2019

## Across Borders WED-2-6-2019 THROUGH FRI-3-1-2019

Eternal Road /lkitie Strawberry Days /Jordgubbslandet The Return The Charmer /Charmøren



-ETERNAL ROAD-IMAGE BY ANDRES TEISS

#### Rūta TUE-2-12-2019

Becoming Astrid /Unga Astrid WED-3-6-2019 & FRI-3-8-2019

## New York International Children's Film Festival SAT-2-23-2019, 3-9-2019 & 3-16-2019

Multiple Screenings



-AILO (NYICFF)

#### **New Nordic Cinema**

#### WED-3-20-2019 THROUGH FRI-5-3-2019

Wonderland /Joulumaa
Mihkel /Undir halastjörnu
The Quake /Skjelvet
The 12th Man /Den 12. mann
A Fortunate Man /Lykke Per
Darling
A Moon of My Own /Ted: För kärlekens skull



-DARLING

#### Estonian Cultural Days THU-4-4-2019

The Wind Sculpted Land /Tuulte tahutud maa The Manslayer /The Virgin /The Shadow (Mehetapja / Süütu /Vari)



-ANIARA

#### **Aniara**

MON-5-13-2019

#### **Focus On Norway**

#### WED-6-12-2019 THROUGH FRI-6-28-2019

Utøya: July 22 /22. Juli

Handle with Care /Hjertestarter

The Rules For Everything/Løperen og hesten



-HANDLE WITH CARE

## SCANDINAVIA HOUSE PROGRAMS CONTINUED

#### **MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS**

Music programs at Scandinavia House are intended to present a wide variety of performers and genres to a New York audience. Programs in the last two years included classical, chamber, and operatic performances, along with presentations of contemporary works and a regular summer jazz series. Performers include regulars at Scandinavia House such as Swedish pianist Per Tengstrand, as well as a number of visiting performers from the Nordic countries, and Fellows who are in the U.S. studying music with support from the ASF. Performing arts include occasional dance programs or staged theater readings.

#### **Summer Jazz Series 2017**

THU-7-6-2017, 7-13-2017, 7-20-2017, & 7-27-2017

Lingonberry Twig in a Cocktail Glass featuring Sirintip Phasuk

Lage Lund

Sigmar Þór Matthiasson Trio

Christian Winther



**-LAGE LUND**-IMAGE BY JERRY KATZ

#### Keyboard Conversations® with Jeffrey Siegel | 2017-2018 THU-9-28-2017, 1-11-2018, 3-1-2018, & 5-10-2018

Celebrating Leonard Bernstein
Edvard Grieg and his World
The Exotic Music of the Night
Bach and Chopin—A Musical Kinship

Enter The Echo Drift THU-10-5-2017

Pale Air (Oscillating) Music by Kristofer Svensson TUE-10-17-2017

Uppsala University Chamber Ensemble TUE-11-7-2017

Connections: Finland—All Generations with Ensemble mise-en

THU-11-9-2017

Sibelius Inspiration with Jussi Makkonen and Nazig Azezian

SAT-11-11-2017

Holiday Concert SUN-12-10-2017

With the Swedish Church Choir in New York

**Estonian Voices** 

SAT-1-13-2018

Icelandic Composer Collective Errata Series Featuring
Loadbang and Tak Ensemble

FRI-1-19-2018 & SUN-1-21-2018

From Bach to Brahms! with Langley-Suran Duo TUE-2-13-2018

Stanley Samuelsen Folk Songs from The Faroe Islands THU-2-22-2018

Kalevala: The Musical in Concert with Johanna Telander MON-3-5-2018



- MUSIC ON PARK AVENUE-IMAGE COURTESY OF PER TENGSTRAND

#### Music on Park Avenue with Per Tengstrand | Spring 2018 THU-3-22-2018, 3-29-2018, & 4-19-2018

The Hammerklavier: The Unplayable Sonata / The Complete Beethoven Sonatas

Farewell to the Piano: The Last Sonata /The Complete Beethoven Sonatas

Mozart and Brahms /with Opus 21

Quiescence

THU-4-5-2018

**New Tide Orquesta** 

SAT-4-7-2018

Edvard Grieg's String Quartets with Quartetto Testosterone TUE-4-17-2018

Trio Vitruvi

THU-4-26-2018



-TRIO VITRUVI



-JFDR

Sonica Sequence Film and Performance

THU-5-3-2018

JFDR with Jófríður FRI - 5-11-2018

Juho Pohjonen TUE-5-15-2018

Summer Jazz Series 2018 THU-6-7-2018, 6-14-2018, 6-21-2018, 6-28-2018, 7-12-2018. & 7-19-2018

Northbound

Helle Henning Quartet

Kaisa's Machine

Thomas Strønen's Time is a Blind Guide

Anni Koski

Oskar Stenmark Quartet

Jepokryddona MON-6-18-2018



**-JEPOKRYDDONA-**PHOTO BY OVE LILLAS

mise-en Festival FRI-6-29-2018

Keyboard Conversations® with Jeffery Siegel | 2018-2019 THU-9-27-2018, 1-24-2019, 3-14-2019, & 5-2-2019

Commemorating Rachmaninoff & Debussy

Northern Neighbors Joyous Beethoven Fascinating Rhythms

Lana Suran THU-10-4-2018

Translucent Harmonies with andPlay TUE-10-23-2018

Music on Park Avenue with Per Tengstrand & Opus 21 | 2018-2019 THU-10-25, 11-10, 11-29-2018, 1-17, 2-28, & 3-28-2019

Beethoven Concerto No. 1

Beethoven Concerto No. 2

Beethoven Concerto No. 3

Solo Performance

Beethoven Concerto No. 4

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Holiday Concert SUN-12-9-2018

With the Swedish Church Choir in New York

Bridge of Song THU-1-10-2019

ASF Fellow Concert Geirþrúður Anna Guðmundsdóttir THU-3-7-2019

Ensemble Neon TUE-3-19-2019

Arctic 5 THU-4-11-2019

Ana Egge and The Sentimentals THU-4-25-2019



-MARIKALKUN

Danish Clarinet Trio THU-5-9-2019

Mari Kalkun TUE-5-14-2019

Ensemble mise-en Portrait of Pelle Gudmundsen-Holmgreen THU-5-16-2019

**Our Boy** 

THU-5-30-2019

Summer Jazz Series 2019 THU-6-20-2019, MON-6-24-2019, TUE-6-25-2019, & THU-6-27-2019

Sigmar Matthíasson's ÁRÓRA

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#### SCANDINAVIA HOUSE PROGRAMS CONTINUED

#### **LECTURES & LITERARY**

Lectures and literary events at Scandinavia House continue to bring audiences together to explore and discuss a wide range of subjects and issues. These ranged from Arctic governance and the Finnish education model to the Vikings in North America, Nordic design, and the future of the Icelandic language. Book talks featured works by contemporary and classical authors, and on subjects including contemporary fiction to the arts and public affairs. Lectures were also presented in conjunction with major exhibitions.



-NORDIC NOIR BOOK CLUB

#### Nordic Noir Book Club | Summer 2017 MON-7-10-2017. 8-7-2017

I'm Traveling Alone by Samuel Bjørk The Ice Beneath Her by Camilla Grebe

#### **Knots**

Book Talk with Gunnhild Øyehaug TUE-7-11-2017

#### **Amatka**

Book Talk with Karin Tidbeck

TUE-7-18-2017

#### **Nordic Book Club | 2017-2018** TUE-7-25-2017 THROUGH TUE-8-28-2018

The White City by Karolina Ramqvist Tómas Jónsson, Bestseller by Guðbergur Bergsson Justine by Iben Mondrup Norma by Sofi Occasion Amatka by Karin Tidbeck The History of Bees by Maja Lunde Leona, The Die Is Cast by Jenny Rogneby

They Know Not What They Do by Jussi Valtone You Disappear by Christian Jungersen

Days In The History of Silence by Merethe Lindstrom

The Endless Summer by Madame Nielsen Love by Hanne Ørstavik

Eventide by Therese Bohman

Mirror, Shoulder, Signal by Dorthe Nors

#### Leona: The Die Is Cast

Book Talk with Jenny Rogneby

THU-9-7-2017

#### **Nordic Women Painting Race and Place**

Lecture by Bart Pushaw

MON-9-11-2017

#### The History of Bees

Book Talk with Maja Lunde

THU-9-14-2017

#### The Half-Drowned King

Book Talk with Linnea Hartsuyker

TUE-9-19-2017

#### The Girl Who Takes An Eye for An Eye

Book Talk with David Lagercrantz

SAT-9-23-2017

#### Word for Word: The Cutting Edge of Literature From Helsinki to New York

TUE-9-26-2017

#### Norma

Book Talk with Sofi Oksanen

THU-9-28-2017

#### A Difficult Death: The Life and Work of Jens Peter

#### **Jacobsen**

Book Talk with Morten Høi Jensen

MON-10-2-2017



-CREATIVE TRANSFORMATIONS PANEL

#### **Creative Transformations**

A panel with The Guerrilla Girls, Laura Cottingham, and Dr. Anna-Maria Von Bonsdorff

SAT-10-7-2017

#### Love, Solitude, and The Face of Death: Poems By Edith Södergran

Book Talk with Stina Katchadourian

TUE-11-14-2017

#### "Munch, Modernism, and Modernity" Annual Conference **Marketing The North**

FRI-11-17-2017 & SAT-11-18-2017

#### Silence In The Age of Noise

Book Talk with Erling Kagge

THU-11-30-2017

#### They Know Not What They Do

Book Talk with Jussi Valtonen and Anu Partanen

TUE-1-16-2018

Head to Head: Edvard Munch, August Strindberg, and Photographic Self-Representation

THU-1-25-2018

#### The Invention of Ana

Book Talk with Mikkel Rosengaard

TUE-2-27-2018

The Sandman: A Joona Linna Novel

Book Talk with Lars Kepler

TUE-3-6-2018



-EXPERIMENTAL LENS PANEL

## Experimental Lens: Panel Moderated by Dr. Patricia Berman SAT-3-10-2018

#### **Third-Millennium Heart**

Book Talk with Ursula Andkjær Olsen

MON-3-12-2018

#### Kristian Birkeland: The Almost Forgotten Scientist

Lecture by Dr. Pål Brekke

TUE-3-13-2018

#### The Endless Summer

Book Talk with Mada

THU-3-15-2018

#### **Cruel is the Night**

Book Talk with Karo Hämäläinen

MON-4-30-2018

#### The Life and Works of Karl Marx

Book Talk with Sven-Eric Liedman

TUE-5-1-2018

#### **Encircling: Books 1 & 2**

Book Talk with Carl Frode Tiller

THU-5-3-2018

#### Stormwarning

Book Talk with Kristín Svava Tómasdóttir

MON-5-7-2018

#### From Vikings to Vinland

Lecture by Nicholas R. Bell

TUE-5-8-2018



-CURTIS L. CARLSON DISTINGUISHED LECTURE WITH H.E. PRESIDENT GUÐNI TH. JÓHANNESSON

#### H.E. President Guðni Th. Jóhannesson of Iceland

Curtis L. Carlson Distinguished Lecture

WED-5-9-2018

#### **Bodil Kjær: Reflections On Design**

An Ambassador Edward E. and Susie Elson Lecture

WED-5-23-2018

#### Nordic Noir Book Club | Summer 2018 TUE-6-12-2018, 7-10-2018

The Undesired by Yrsa Sigurdardóttir Three Dog Night by Elsebeth Egholm

#### Havoc

Book Talk with Morten Høi Jensen

TUE-6-12-2018

#### Daughter of the Cold War

Book Talk with Grace Kennan Warnecke

THU-6-14-2018

#### Nordic Noir Book Club | Fall 2018

TUE-9-11-2018 THROUGH TUE-12-11-2018
Baboon by Naja Marie Aidt

Odd Numbers by Anne Holt

The Girl in the Woods by Camilla Läckberg

Below the Surface by Leena Lehtolainen

#### Swedish Universities in New York Study in Sweden

THU-9-13-2018

The Improvisatore: A Novel of Italy

**Book Talk on Hans Christian Andersen with Frank Hugus** 

TUE-9-18-2018

Öræfi: The Wasteland

Book Talk with Ófeigur Sigurðsson

TUE-10-9-2018

#### What We Owe

Book Talk with Golnaz Hashemzadeh Bonde TUE-10-16-2018

#### Cultural (Ex)Change – Globalism, Transformation, and Popularization TUE-10-30, MON-11-5, & THU-11-15-2018

Body Politics of Globalization Talk with Tuija Parikka Building CommunityThrough Textile Arts Talk with Sallie Anna Steiner In the Pursuit of Happiness: African Americans in

Denmark Talk with Ethelene Whitmire

## SCANDINAVIA HOUSE PROGRAMS CONTINUED

#### **LECTURES & LITERARY—CONTINUED**

The Nordic Baking Book Book Talk with Magnus Nilsson THU-11-8-2018

Nordic Book Club | 2019 TUE-1-29-2019 THROUGH TUE-6-25-2019

Wait, Blink by Gunnhild Øyehaug
What We Owe by Golnaz Hashemzadeh Bonde
Oneiron by Laura Lindstedt
Last Night In Nuuk by Niviaq Korneliussen
Children of God by Lars Petter Sveen
Crossing by Pajtim Statovci

#### Digital Dynamics in Nordic Contemporary Art Book

Talk & Performance with Tanya Toft Ag and Artists Lundahl & Seitl

SAT-2-23-2019

This Life: Secular Faith and Spiritual Freedom

Book Talk with Swedish Philosopher and Author Martin Hägglund

TUE-3-5-2019

**Nordic Impressions** 

Panel Discussion with Marthe Thorshaug, Anneè Olofsson, and Dr. Klaus Ottmann

SAT-3-9-2019

The Nordic Model: Finland and Education Chairman's Lecture Series WED-3-13-2019

Approaches to Immigration in Scandinavia and the U.S. Nordic Journalists Panel Discussion TUE-3-26-2019

Ensuring the "Good Childhood" in a World of Cultural and Technological Change
Early Childhood Symposium
FRI-4-5-2019 THROUGH SAT-4-6-2019

Crossing

Book Talk with Pajtim Statovci

MON-4-8-2019

Astroecology

Book Talk with Johannes Heldén

TUE - 4-9-2019

Hilma af Klint: Future Now SAT-4-13-2019

#### Henrik Pontoppidan's Lucky Per

Book Talk with Garth Risk Hallberg and Morten Høi Jensen

TUE-4-16-2019

Walking: One Step at a Time

Book Talk with Erling Kagge

MON-4-29-2019

Arctic Governance – An Example for Other Regions?
ASF Visiting Lecture with Peter Arbo

MON-5-6-2019

The Future of Time

Talk with Bjarke Ingels and Andri Snær Magnason

TUE-5-7-2019

#### **KIDS & FAMILIES**

Scandinavia House features regular programs for children and families, including weekly access to the Heimbold Family Children's Playing and Learning Center, a colorful, welcoming environment where children and their caregivers can learn about the history and culture of Scandinavia through books, toys, costumes, and workshops. Other children's programs celebrated Nordic heritage and culture through music, films, performances, and interactive workshops.



—WEDNESDAY WORKSHOPS IN THE CHILDREN'S CENTER

Wednesday Workshops WEDNESDAYS—Ongoing

Puppet Playtime THURSDAYS—Ongoing

**Saturday Morning Storytelling** 

With the Hans Christian Andersen Storytellers

SATURDAYS—Ongoing

Saturday Art Workshops SATURDAYS—Ongoing

Puppet Playtime with Nicola McEldowney THURSDAYS—Ongoing

Knitting Club
THURSDAYS—Ongoing

Independent Visions Exhibition Workshops SAT-9-9-2017, 9-16-2017, & 9-23-2017

Finn Fun Day: A Celebration of Finland's Centennial SAT-9-30-2017

Yes, Chef! An Afternoon with Chef Marcus Samuelsson SUN-10-15-2017



-BOULEVARDTEATERN-IMAGE BY HERTTA NILSSON/ASF

Guji Guji – A Very Special Duck by Boulevardteatern SAT-10-28-2017

Swedish Children's Christmas Workshop SAT-12-2-2017

Tatu and Patu: A Finnish Children's Film SAT-12-9-2017

Saint Lucia Workshop SAT-12-16-2017

New York International Children's Film Festival | Multiple Screenings SAT-2-24-2018 THROUGH SAT-3-17-2018

Opening Party: LEGO® Bricks A Celebration! SAT-4-28-2018

Art Workshop: Lego® Hybrid Sculptures with Artists Pekka & Teija Isorättyä SAT-6-2-2018

Art Workshop: Lego® Brick Portraits SAT-6-9-2018 & SAT-6-16-2018

Family Midsummer Celebration SAT-6-23-2018

Nordic Christmas SAT-12-1-2018

Moomins and The Winter Wonderland SAT-12-8-2018



-MOOMINS AND THE WINTER WONDERLAND



- SKOPPA AND SKRÍTLA-IMAGE BY HERTTA NILSSON/ASF

Saint Lucia Workshop SAT-12-15-2018

Skoppa and Skrítla's Icelandic Christmas SAT-12-15-2018

New York International Children's Film Festival | Multiple Screenings

SAT-2-23-2019 THROUGH SAT-3-16-2019

Fastelavn Workshop SAT-3-2-2019

Adult Art Workshop SAT-3-20-2019, 4-13-2019, and 5-14-2019

Eurotrash Trolls: Soft Sculpture Marionettes

Drawing in the Gallery

Nordic Impressions: The Ex-School: Exquisite Corpse

Family Midsummer Celebration THU-6-20-2019

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#### **AWARDS & PRIZES**



-ASF BIRGIT NILSSON PRIZEWINNER JESSICA FASELT-IMAGE BY CHRISTINE BUTLER/ASF

#### **ASF GOLD MEDAL**

The American–Scandinavian Foundation's highest honor, the Gold Medal recognizes the achievement of persons or institutions promoting the ideals set forth in the Foundation's mission. In 2019, the ASF Gold Medal was awarded to Liv Ullmann, the renowned actress, director, writer, and humanitarian. The award recognizes her extraordinary accomplishments in film and theater, as well as her passionate advocacy of women and children worldwide. Ms. Ullmann has served as an Executive Trustee of ASF since 2006.

#### AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE

The ASF Award for Distinguished Public Service honors individuals or organizations whose leadership in humanitarian or public service significantly fosters understanding and collaboration between the United States and the Nordic region. In 2018, the Award for Distinguished Public Service was presented to The LEGO Group, the Danish company whose products reflect the Scandinavian approach to learning through play has influenced generations of children worldwide. In 2019, the Award for Distinguished Public Service honored Ambassador Edward E. Elson. Mr. Elson served as U.S. Ambassador to Denmark from 1993–1998, as Executive Trustee of the ASF since 1999, and as ASF's Vice Chair for Denmark 2001–2017.

#### **ASF NIELS POULSON AWARD**

The Niels Poulson Award, named after the ASF's founder, honors the outstanding dedication and service of a Trustee of the Foundation as well as their support of the ASF's mission to encourage educational and cultural exchange between the U.S. and the Nordic region. In 2018, the ASF Niels Poulson Award was presented to Bård Bunaes, a dedicated Trustee since 1997, who has served in numerous capacities with talent and dedication including as Chairman 2006–2009, Treasurer 2012–2019, and Vice Chairman for Norway for many years.

#### **BIRGIT NILSSON AWARD**

The Birgit Nilsson Award was established in 1988, the 350th anniversary of New Sweden, the first Swedish settlement in the U.S. The Award was endowed through proceeds of a concert honoring the world-renowned Swedish soprano Birgit Nilsson. It is awarded to a finalist in the Metropolitan Opera Auditions, one of the most prestigious competitions for young singers in the world.

In 2018, the Birgit Nilsson Award was presented to soprano Jessica Faselt and in 2019, the recipient was mezzo-soprano Elena Villalón.

#### **ASF TRANSLATION PRIZES**

The ASF Translation Prizes are awarded regularly in the U.S. for English translations of Nordic literature. The awards recognize outstanding translation of prose or poetry by Nordic authors born after 1800. Established in 1980, the ASF has recognized, through this annual competition, exemplary work by more than 50 translators. In 2017, Maija Liisa Mäkinen (Brooklyn, New York) was awarded the Nadia Christensen Prize for her translation of an excerpt from *Pelon maantiede* (Geography of Fear) by Finnish author Anja Snellman. In 2018, the recipient was Kelsi Vanada (Monument, Colorado) for her translation of poems from *Atlantis* by Swedish poet Marie Silkeberg.

The Leif and Inger Sjöberg Prize recognizes distinguished effort by a translator whose work has not previously been published. In 2017, the award was presented to Melissa Bowers (Seattle, Washington) for her translation from the Swedish of poems from Vittnen till meningslösa händelser (Witness to Meaningless Events) by Jasmin Mohamed. In 2018, Sherilyn Hellberg (Berkeley, California) was awarded the Prize for her translation of poems from Nike by Danish poet Caspar Eric.



-ISSUES OF SCANDINAVIAN REVIEW-IMAGE COURTESY ASF

# PUBLICATIONS SCANDINAVIAN REVIEW

ASF's flagship publication is *Scandinavian Review*, an illustrated journal that presents many aspects of life and culture in the Nordic countries, through articles on contemporary and historical issues as well as on new developments in the region. Published continuously since 1913, *Scandinavian Review* also presents current exhibitions at Scandinavia House, excerpts from the winning entries in ASF's annual Translation Prize competition, and a New Nordic Book Tips section. Three issues were published in each of the last two fiscal years.

#### **Summer 2017**

The cover story in the summer of 2017 was on Gustaf Tenggren, Swedish-born artist whose prolific career in the United States included work for Little Golden Books, Disney, and the design of a host of magazine illustrations and advertisements, as well as other visual art. Other articles looked at wind power in Norway, Finnish writer Mika Waltari, and the architecture of towers in Copenhagen.

#### Autumn 2017

The Faroe Islands' steps towards full independence was the cover feature in this issue which also presented *The Experimental Self: Edvard Munch's Photography* exhibition, articles on Finnish traits and characteristics, and a long-standing Ibsen theater festival. Historical articles focused on the ambassador appointed to Sweden by Abraham Lincoln, a Danish/Swedish expedition to the Middle East in the 1700s.

## Spring 2018

This issue included an interview with the President of Iceland and a look at his nation's major move to sovereignty one hundred years ago. It also profiled the story behind LEGO, how Denmark, Norway, and Sweden are responding to climate change, Scandinavia's shared prosperity, and the Swedish city of Norrköping.

#### Summer 2018

This issue featured the *Light Lines* exhibition at Scandinavia House and included a profile of artist Jan Groth. Other articles looked at Scandinavian support of women's rights in the developing world, a World War II spy, and the 17th-century Swedish colony in North America. The issue also included a selection of photographs documenting life in Sunnfjord, Norway a century ago.

#### Autumn 2018

Norwegian artist and illustrator Theodor Kittelsen was the focus of this issue's cover article, while other features looked at how an Icelandic company uses geothermal power to produce the biofuel ethanol from carbon dioxide, city harbor swimming in Copenhagen, Scandinavian films remade in the U.S. over the last century, and the recent Swedish election.

## Spring 2018

With Liv Ullmann, ASF's most recent recipient of its Gold Medal, as the cover feature, this issue also featured the *Nordic Impressions* exhibition, a look at similarities and differences among the Nordic languages, a selection of portraits and interviews entitled "Sámi Voices," and an article on Scandinavian pirates in the North Atlantic at the time of Blackbeard and Henry Morgan.

## **SCAN**

The American-Scandinavian Foundation also publishes a quarterly newsletter, *SCAN*, which reports on ASF's activities and programs, along with news from the Nordic region and Scandinavian events throughout the United States.

## **ASF SPRING GALA**



-EDWARD GALLAGHER, MONIKA HEIMBOLD, H.E. GUÐNI TH. JÓHANNESSON, ELIZA REID-IMAGE BY CHRISTINE BUTLER/ASF

## **SPRING GALA 2018**

The American–Scandinavian Foundation's Spring Gala took place on Thursday, May 10, 2018, at the Metropolitan Club in New York. The focus of the 2018 event was a tribute to the Centenary of Icelandic independence and sovereignty, and we were delighted to have His Excellency Guðni Th. Jóhannesson (elected 6th President of Iceland in 2016) and First Lady Eliza Reid attend as special Guests of Honor.



**— DR. KRISTJÁN RAGNARSSON AND HRAFNHILDUR RAGNARSSON**—IMAGE BY CHRISTINE BUTLER/ASF

ASF Trustee and Vice Chairman for Iceland, Kristján Ragnarsson kicked off the evening with opening remarks. Helgi Tomasson, Advisory Trustee of ASF since 1979 and Artistic Director and Principal Choreographer at San Francisco Ballet, then introduced Mr. Jóhannesson, whose address combined history, personal recollections of growing up in Iceland, and lots of humor, setting the tone for a very festive and upbeat evening.



— STEVE WELLER, KRISTINA KITTILSEN, H.E. GUÐNI TH. JÓHANNESSON, ELIZA REID—IMAGE By Christine Butler/Asf

The Honorable Charles & Mrs. Monika Heimbold, Kristina Kittilsen & Steve Weller, and Hrafnhildur & Kristján T. Ragnarsson served as the Gala Chairs. Vice Chairs were Carl Gustaf Ehrnrooth, Inger G. and William B. Ginsberg, and Siggi Hilmarsson. The Icelandic firm Össur hf., represented by President & CEO, Jón Sigurðsson, served as the Corporate Chair.



**—SKIP KODAK ACCEPTSAWARD WITH MONIKA HEIMBOLD AND STEVEN PERI**—IMAGE BY CHRISTINE BUTLER/ASF

Highlights of the evening included the presentation of the ASF Distinguished Public Service Award to The LEGO Group, the Danish company whose products and Scandinavian approach to learning through play has influenced generations of children all over the world. Accepting the award for The LEGO Group was Skip Kodak, Executive Vice President of the Americas.



—BARD BUNAES ACCEPTS AWARD WITH BENTE SVENSEN FRANTZ AND STEVEN PERI
—IMAGE BY CHRISTINE BUTLER/ASF

The ASF Niels Poulson Award was presented to Bård Bunaes, a dedicated Trustee since 1997, who has served in a number of capacities over the last twenty years, including as Board Chair from 2006–2009, Treasurer since 2012 and Vice-Chair for Norway for many years.



-GALA GUESTS DANCE IN THE BALLROOM-IMAGE BY CHRISTINE BUTLER/ASF



-EDWARD E. ELSON, H.R.H. PRINCESS BENEDIKTE OF DENMARK, STEVEN B. PERI, LIV ULLMAN, AND EDWARD GALLAGHER-IMAGE BY CHRISTINE BUTLER/ASF

## **SPRING GALA 2019**

The 2019 Spring Gala was held on Thursday, May 30, 2019, in the presence of Her Royal Highness Princess Benedikte of Denmark, at the Metropolitan Club in New York City Her Royal Highness, who is ASF's Honorary Trustee from Denmark, was the recipient of ASF's Award for Distinguished Public Service in 2010.



—EDWARD E. ELSON, H.R.H. PRINCESS BENEDIKTE OF DENMARK, LIVULLMAN—IMAGE BY CHRISTINE BUTLER/ASF

The Honorable Charles and Mrs. Monika Heimbold and Kristina Kittilsen & Steve Weller served as Gala Chairs. Vice Chairs were Mrs. Edward E. Elson, Inger G. and William B. Ginsberg, Ragnar and Laureen Meyer-Knutsen and Donald Saunders.



-KRISTINA KITTILSEN, MONIKA HEIMBOLD, EDWARD GALLAGHER, H.R.H PRINCESS BENEDIKTE, STEVEN PERI AND LIV ULLMANN—IMAGE BY CHRISTINE BUTLER/ASF

This year's event honored two long-serving ASF
Trustees. Iconic actress, director, writer and
humanitarian, Liv Ullmann, received the Gold Medal, the
highest award bestowed by ASF, presented by Rupert
Friend and Aimee Mullins. Distinguished businessman,
former ambassador and philanthropist, Edward E.
Elson, received the ASF Award for Distinguished Public
Service. Ambassador Elson was presented his award by
H.R.H. Princess Benedikte.



**—LIV ULLMANN ACCEPTS ASF GOLD MEDAL FROM AIMEE MULLINS AND RUPERT FRIEND—**IMAGE BY CHRISTINE BUTLER/ASF



—H.R.H. PRINCESS BENEDIKTE OF DENMARK PRESENTS ASF AWARD TO EDWARD E. ELSON
—IMAGE BY CHRISTINE BUTLER/ASF

Other highlights included a performance by soprano Jessica Faselt, the 2018 ASF Birgit Nilsson Awardwinner, a cocktail reception and dancing, and music by Peter Duchin Orchestra. All proceeds from the Gala benefit ASF's initiatives to promote cultural and education exchange between the U.S. and Nordic countries.



-JESSICA FASELT PERFORMS AT GALA-IMAGE BY CHRISTINE BUTLER/ASF



-GUESTS DANCE IN THE BALLROOM-IMAGE BY CHRISTINE BUTLER/ASF

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-SCANDINAVIA HOUSE-IMAGE BY LINDA HAGLUND/ASF

# THE AMERICAN-SCANDINAVIAN FOUNDATION STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION 6-30-2018 & 6-30-2019

Assets	2018	2019
Cash & Cash Equivalents	661,506	630,713
Investments	34,010,735	34,205,823
Accounts Receivable	167,598	242,720
Receivables from King Street Capital L.P.	-	937,881
Inventory	165,897	176,257
Prepaid Expenses	85,656	138,920
Property & Equipment	14,668,623	14,249,664
Total Assets	49,760,015	50,581,978
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Liabilities & Net Assets		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable & accrued expenses	259,375	249,271
Deferred revenues	51,868	40,146
Grants payable	763,977	742,502
Total Liabilities	1,075,220	1,031,919
Net Assets without Donor Restrictions:		
Operating	971,271	1,156,844
Board designated	5,919,856	5,738,832
Plant fund	14,668,623	14,249,664
Total Unrestricted	21,559,750	21,145,340
Net Assets with Donor Restrictions:	27,125,045	28,404,719
Total Net Assets	48,684,795	49,550,059
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	49,760,015	50,581,978

# THE AMERICAN-SCANDINAVIAN FOUNDATION STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019				Total
		Unrestricted	With Donor Restrictions	2019
Revenues:				
Contributions		609,201	947,171	1,556,372
Special events	308,775			
Less direct cost of special events	(76,946)	231,829		231,829
Membership dues		234,519		234,519
Investment return designated for				
Current operations		397,817	1,017,911	1,415,728
Exchange program fees		107,910		107,910
Advertising and publishing		10,455		10,455
Auxiliary service fees		817,930		817,930
Gift shop	496,642			
Less cost of goods sold	(261,652)	234,990		234,990
Program fees		90,409		90,409
Net assets released from restrictions		1,728,718		1,728,718
Total revenues, gains, & other suppo	rt	4,463,778		4,463,778
Operating Expenses:				
Program services				
Training and fellowship programs		1,337,288		1,337,288
Membership		122,665		122,665
Public Programs		2,072,967		2,072,967
Publications		104,293		104,293
Total programs services		3,637,213		3,637,213
Supporting Services		(00.101		
Management and general		609,121		609,121
Fundraising		216,489		216,489
Total supporting services		825,610		825,610
Total operating expenses		4,462,823		4,462,823
Operating income		955	236,364	237,319
Other income (expense):				
Net Investment return (loss) in				
excess of amounts designated		2 / F1	0.000	12,281
for current operations		3,451	8,830	12,201
Contributions for long-term investment			1,176,003	1,176,003
Depreciation expense		(560,339)		(560,339)
Net assets released for property &				
equipment acquisition		141,523		(141,523)
Total other income (expense)		(415,365)	1,043,310	627,945
Change in net assets		(414,410)	1, 279,674	865,264
Net assets - beginning of year		21,559,750	27,125,045	48,684,795
Net assets - end of year		\$ 21,145,340	\$ 28,404,719	\$ 49,550,059



—SMÖRGÅS CHEF

## **FACILITIES & SERVICES**

## **SMÖRGÅS CHEF**

Smörgås Chef has managed the restaurant at Scandinavia House since September 2008 as one of its main New York City locations. Serving fine Scandinavian cuisine, Smörgås Chef offers lunch, dinner, and weekend brunch, along with special promotions related to ASF films and concerts. With an authentic custom-designed birch tree installation at its center and café tables and colorful chairs designed



-VOLVO HALL

by Arne Jacobsen, Smörgås Chef provides diners with a vivid introduction to Nordic fare.

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While serving as a lively cultural center for Nordic programs presented by The American–Scandinavian Foundation, Scandinavia House is also a popular venue for events hosted by other nonprofits, government offices, corporations, and individuals. These include meetings, conferences, seminars, receptions, luncheons, dinners, film screenings, concerts, and weddings. The revenue generated by rentals provides important support for the operations of Scandinavia House and the ASF.

## THE SHOP @ SCANDINAVIA HOUSE

The Shop @ Scandinavia House, one of New York's best sources of imported Nordic goods, introduces visitors to Scandinavian design and style. Showcasing modern designers from Scandinavia as well as established legends, The Shop offers distinctive home design and tableware, art glass, textiles, luxurious sweaters and



-THE SHOP @ SCANDINAVIA HOUSE

accessories, unique jewelry, handmade clogs, and children's items, along with favorite Scandinavian foods and confections.

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